



**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Emergency Response  
INVESTIGATION REPORT**

<b>CASE NUMBER:</b>	13-08-12-1557-19	<b>JOB NUMBER:</b>	A7894200
<b>SITE/CASE NAME:</b>	Superior Barrel and Drum	<b>PI#:</b>	616779
<b>LOCATION:</b>	798 NEW JERSEY AVE	<b>FIELD DIRECTIVE:</b>	No
<b>MUNICIPALITY:</b>	Elk Twp.	<b>COUNTY:</b>	Gloucester

<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY:</b>	Thomas Toy		
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	1179 Lake Point CV		
<b>MUNICIPALITY:</b>	Elmer		
<b>STATE:</b>	NJ	<b>ZIP:</b>	08318
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Thomas Toy	<b>PHONE:</b>	(856)466-9067

<b>MATERIAL:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>Units:</b>
unknown		

<b>ACR:</b>	Yes	<b>CLEAN UP:</b>		<b>INJURY:</b>	No
				<b>EVACUATION:</b>	No
				<b>POTENTIAL MOA:</b>	No
<b>FOSC NAME:</b>	Keith Glenn			<b>OPA 90:</b>	No
				<b>FED. CASE NUM.</b>	

<b>CAUSE:</b>	Abandonment
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<b>DUTY OFFICER:</b>		<b>SPILL NOV:</b>	No
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	DiGangi	<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	9/9/13

	<b>RESPONDERS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>START</b>	<b>STOP</b>	<b>REG HRS</b>	<b>OT HRS</b>	<b>TOT HRS</b>
1.	DiGangi	8/29/13	0800	1630	8	0	8
2.	Carl	8/29/13	0800	1630	8	0	8
3.	DiGangi	8/30/13	0800	1100	3	0	3
4.	Carl	8/30/13	0800	1100	3	0	3
5.	DiGangi	9/3/13	0800	1200	4	0	4
6.	D. Berzins	9/16/13	0800	1730	9	0	9
7.	D. Berzins	9/17/13	0800	1730	9	0	9
8.	D. Berzins	9/18/13	0800	1730	9	0	9
9.	D. Berzins	9/23/13	0800	1730	9	0	9

<b>LEVEL OF PROTECTION:</b>	D			<b>NUMBER OF ENTRIES:</b>	
<b>INSTRUMENTATION:</b>	<b># OF USES</b>	<b>MATERIALS</b>	<b># OF ITEMS</b>	<b>MATERIALS (OTHER)</b>	<b># OF ITEMS</b>
HAZCAT ANALYSES		SORB. PADS			
TOXIC VAPOR ANALYZER		SORB. BOOM			
MULTI-RAE ANALYZER		SORB. SWEEP			
MINI-RAE ANALYZER		SAMPLES			
STANDARD RAD SURVEY					
DRAGER TUBE ANALYSES					
OTHER:					

### **Investigation Report**

On 8/28/13, Jack DeAngelo of the Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management called to inform us that they had investigated the incident notification 13-08-12-1557-19. He reported that the property which had been a drum recycling business was closed and that the property owner was over \$200,000.00 in arrears on his taxes. He said that Elk Township was about to begin taking ownership of the property for back taxes. He said that the Haz-Mat team had responded to the site and opened several of the hundreds of drums that are stored unsecured outside the building. They found corrosives and flammable liquids in the unlabeled drums. He requested that BER2 respond out to the site to meet with him at the facility the next morning. Anthony Carl contacted HNJDEP Hazardous Waste Enforcement and spoke with Supervisor Pete Taylor. The site has been under the supervision of Haz-Waste Enforcement since 2009. Mr. Taylor informed Mr. Carl that all the materials stored on site are "liquid solid waste" and that there are no hazardous wastes at the site. The Site Manager for NJDEP is Terry Ostrander. Pete Taylor contacted the USEPA CID and asked that they meet us on site the following morning. Anthony Carl and I responded to the site on the morning of 8/29/13 and met with Pete Taylor (DEP), Thomas Dooley of USEPA CID, Jack DeAngelo, and Ed Johnson of the Gloucester Co Fire Marshalls Office. Mr. Johnson informed us that the Fire Inspector for Elk Twp. had retired and that the Twp. wanted to share services with the County Fire Marshalls Office to continue the function. Mr. Johnson located the site by looking at satellite photos and then made a visit to the site. He found it abandoned with hundreds of drums and totes filled with unknown liquids outside the building. The overhead doors of the building were wide open and there were many, many more totes of unlabeled liquid waste stored inside the unsecured building. A contractor was working at the site removing metal and machinery for scrap.

We sampled 4 drums and performed field tests. 2 drums were found to contain flammable liquid solvents, a third was found to be caustic and the 4<sup>th</sup> was water. We were unable to contact the property owner at that time. Mr. Toy refused to cooperate with the Fire Marshalls Office in any way. On the morning of Friday, 8/30/13, Anthony Carl and I again responded to the site and met with Eric Daly and Keith Glen of the USEPA Reg 2 Response and Removal Branch as well as with Jack DeAngelo and Ed Johnson of the Fire Marshalls Office and Pete Taylor. The property was documented and photographed. The Fire Marshalls Office issued an order of Imminent Hazard and informed the contractor doing the scrap work to cease and desist immediately. They left the site and did not return.

We sampled 4 drums at random on the property and field testing indicated that 2 of them contained flammable liquids, 1 contained a caustic solution and 1 was contaminated water. Region Chief Manuel was informed of our findings. We remained on site waiting for further instructions. We found out later in the day that the property owner had called back to Keith Glenn and asked to meet with us at the site on Tuesday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 0930. Mr. Glenn, Jack DeAngelo, Ed Johnson, Jeff McKenna and I arrived on site at 0930 on 9/3/13, but Mr. Toy did not show up. After a few hours, Mr. Toy's attorney (Gary Lightman) called Keith Glenn and informed him that the property owner would not be coming to the site and that we were not permitted to access the site. He said that there were no hazardous materials stored at the site, and he demanded that we all leave immediately.



**Monday 9/16/13:**

On site today the contractors Kemron and Weston have established hot and cold zones. In the different zones they also set up a haz cat area, decon area and the equipment area. Around the perimeter and on site of the facility they have set up seven air monitoring stations using the AreaRae system.

They are currently awaiting the arrival of Air Gas to deliver breathing air to be used in their air line system.

This afternoon they plan on obtaining samples to begin characterizing the waste streams.

**Tuesday 9/17/13:**

USEPA contractors Kemron and Weston are on site today.

Earlier today they moved some totes and drums in area 5 to facilitate ease of sampling.

They also took some samples under level B protection using an SCBA. Entry teams are air monitoring using a MultiRae multi gas meter and a Ludlum Model 19.

Perimeter air monitoring continues using the AreaRae system with 7 monitoring stations.

This afternoon they are going to continue with sampling totes and drums. They are going to use two sampling teams in level B protection- one on air line and the other using SCBA's. They are also going to haz cat yesterday's and this morning's samples.

**Wednesday 9/18/13:**

USEPA contractors Kemron and Weston are on site today performing work.

Personnel continued with obtaining field samples in area 6. PPE consisted of level B protection using SCBA's and air lines. Monitoring equipment of entry team personnel is a MultiRae multi gas meter and a Ludlum Model 19.

Drums located in area 2 are being moved and staged for ease of sampling.

A chemist is using the Haz Cat Chemical Identification System to categorize the field samples.

Nine laboratory samples will be taken this afternoon based on preliminary field sample results.

The AreaRae system remains in place performing air monitoring of the perimeter of the facility.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday (9/19, 9/20, 9/21) representatives from NJDEP Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement were on site with the USEPA.

**Monday 9/23/13:**

USEPA contractors Kemron and Weston are on site today.

From area 2 they are sending out three samples for laboratory analysis.

From area 1 (inside the building) they obtained 15 field samples that will be run through the Haz Cat Chemical Identification System.

Samples are taken in level B protection with an SCBA or air line. Entry teams air monitor with a MultiRae multi gas meter and a Ludlum Model 19. The AreaRae system continues to monitor the perimeter of the facility at seven locations.

**Tuesday 9/24/13:** Amy Scaffidi from NJDEP Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement on scene.

Totals are for the end of day Sept. 23, 2013.

Number of Samples Collected	194
# of Confirmatory Samples Collected	42
Samples Analyzed in Field (Haz Cat)	140
Samples Containing "Material of Interest"	82
Samples Containing "Neutral Material"	58
Number of Containers sent for Disposal	0

Samples: 12- from Areas 4 and 6.

12 Samples shipped for confirmatory analysis. Areas 2 and 4 are finished. Aiming to complete Area 6. Starting to receive analytical data from the laboratory.

**Wednesday 9/24/13:**

**Thursday 9/25/13:**

**Friday 9/26/13:** Jeff Salabritas from NJDEP Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement on scene.